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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Response. In response to the Examiner's requirement for an election of the claims, mailed June 18, 2003, in the above-identified patent application, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-79, drawn to a cleaning composition, with traverse.

In response to the required election of species, Applicant elects the following elements, with traverse:

- antimicrobial agent: sorbic acid and derivatives
- solvent: water
- residual particles: metal particles (claim 76)

It is understood that the remaining elements (i.e., - dielectric material, - contacting steps) apply solely to the method claims of Group II (i.e., Claims 80-138).